

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings allegedly do not show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In particular, the drawings are said to omit the feature of a metering plate which is downstream metering plate having a larger flow through hole than that of an upstream metering plate as set forth in claims 3, 10, 18 and 21. Applicants submit that the drawings as filed, specifically FIG. 2c, show the recited feature.

Figure 2c, a marked up copy of which is attached hereto shows a device having a metering plate with a larger bore hole downstream from a metering plate having narrower bore hole. As shown on the marked up copy of the figure, the hole in metering plate 3 is smaller than the hole in downstream metering plate 19; the cross-sectional diameter of the hole in the drawing of metering plate 3 is 0.50 inches, while the cross-sectional diameter of the hole in the drawing of metering plate 19 is 0.56 in. As the flow enters the device at plate 1 (see, p. 8, line 10), plate 19 is downstream of plate 3. Thus, the drawings show the feature claimed in claims 3, 10, 18 and 21.

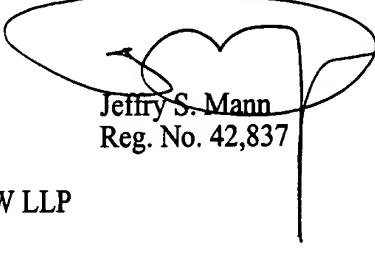
If the Examiner feels that it is necessary, Applicants will provide a replacement drawing that further emphasizes the disparity in hole size between plates, upon acknowledgment by the Examiner that such a drawing will not prompt a rejection for new matter. A suggested replacement drawing is submitted herewith.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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